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SUBJ: SPECIES COMPOSITION OF CATCH BY US BOATS UNDER SHRIMP
AGREEMENT

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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT ONE OF CHARGES DETAILED IN BRAZILIAN
NAVY' S REPORT ON SEIZURES OF F/ V MISS DORIS IS THAT FISHING
LOG LISTS CATEGORIES OTHER THAN THREE SPECIES OF PINK AND
BROWN SHRIMP LISTED IN ARTICLE I OF AGREEMENT. POST MAY
WISH TO RECALL TO COGNIZANT GOB OFFICIALS THAT DURING
NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT US SIDE RAISED IN TECHNICAL COMMIT-
TEE QUESTION OF INCIDENTAL CATCHES. IMMEDIATE MOTIVE WAS
CONCERN ON PART OF US INDUSTRY THAT AGREEMENT MIGHT HAVE
EFFECT OF PREVENTING CUSTOMARY RETENTION OF MARKETABLE- FIN-
FISH TAKEN INCIDENTALLY IN TRAWLS. BRAZILIAN EXPERTS
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RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE QUITE AWARE THAT SHRIMP TRAWLING WAS NON- SELECTIVE AND THAT INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF MIXED SPECIES COULD NOT BE AVOIDED, THAT GOB DID NOT INTEND TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF SUCH CATCHES, AND PREFERRED NOT TO DEAL WITH QUESTION SPECIFICALLY IN AGREEMENT. THAT RATIONALE, WHICH AT TIME WAS FOCUSED ON FINFISH, WOULD CERTAINLY APPEAR TO BE AT LEAST EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO INCIDENTAL CATCHES OF OTHER SHRIMP SPECIES. AS FOR SPECIFICS IN MISS DORES CASE, REPORTS AND FISHING LOGS AVAILABLE HERE INDICATE THAT CATCHES OF WHITE SHRIMP ARE OF MINOR SIGNIFICANCE WITHIN AGREEMENT AREA. " MIXED" CATEGORY COULD OF COURSE BE MIXED PINK AND BROWN. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GOB DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE THIS A MAJOR POINT OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, NOTING THAT USG HAS NOT RELINQUISHED ITS RIGHT UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW TO EXERCISE SOLE CONTROL OF ITS VESSELS FISHING FOR ANY SPECIES OF FISH AND SHELLFISH ANYWHERE BEYOND TWELVE MILES FROM THE COAST OF BRAZIL, EXCEPT FOR THREE NAMED SPECIES OF SHRIMP WITHIN AREA SPECIFIED IN AGREEMENT. PORTER

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